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1. PRIOR TO MY MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AUGUST 27, HIS CHIEF SECRETARY, KIM CHUNG YUM, TOLD ME THAT HE HAD PUT THE WORD OUT TO "COOL IT" AS I HAD REQUESTED HIM TO DO SO AUGUST 26.

2. WE HAVE SOME CONFIRMATION OF HIS ACTIONS. A NUMBER OF SOURCES HAVE REPORTED TO US THAT ASSEMBLYMEN OF ALL THREE PARTIES WERE BRIEFED AND WERE REQUESTED SUPPORT UNITED STATES' ACTIONS. THE SAME WORD APPARENTLY HAS BEEN PASSED TO NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS AND THE PRESS TODAY IS MUCH LESS NEGATIVE THAN HAS BEEN TRUE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.
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